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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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SUBJECT:

Report on Vietnam Station Orientation No. 24

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1. Basic Data

completed the 24th running of the Vietnam Station Orientation (VSO) Course on 19-21 March 1968 in Room GA 13.

2. Schedule

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Only one change was made in the schedule: replaced on Thursday, 21 March 1968.

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3. New Feature

The panel on "Interpersonal Relationships Between American and Vietnamese" was a new feature in the VSO. In earlier critiques, several persons had suggested more treatment of the problems of dealing with Vietnamese; this subject had occassionally been touched upon in the panel on living conditions and in other talks, but a more comprehensive treatment seemed in order. Hence the experiment this month. A comment on its effectiveness will be noted in paragraph 4 below.

4. Critiques

- a. The critique, this time, included only one question: "If you had to eliminate one presentation from this program, which would it be?"
- b. Six (6) persons suggested the elimination of one or more films, chiefly because of what they considered the antiadministration bias of CBS or a depressing view of the war. Secondly, five (5) persons were critical of the panel on living conditions; this I found, and still find, a little strange;

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except that the panelists were not the best. Four (4) persons were critical of the panel on relationships; this I find more intelligible. Few people have a capacity to reflect meaningfully and at length on their experiences working with other people. So often the subject is simply summed up with, "Oh, I had no trouble with them," or, "It depends upon every individual." Thirdly, presentation was criticized by two persons; it was suggested that be merged and talk was controlled the talk two presentations talk was considered irrelevant by one person. Finally, eight (8) persons thought the whole program was very worthwhile and said they would eliminate nothing.

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